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REPORT NO.

TOPIC Parndorf Airfield

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1. Between 9 and 17 July 1953, [redacted] 17 jet planes at Parndorf (P 49/X 77) airfield. On 16 and 17 July, aircraft took off individually and in formation of twos and, twice, in formation of fours. No night flights were made. 25X1

2. The Soviet Air Force officers at the field, allegedly Caucasians and Ukrainians, spoke German. Similar observations were made at Bad Voeslau (O 48/X 36). The officers behaved well toward the population. Enlisted men were not permitted out of the field after 8 p.m. Officers repeatedly observed in small groups wearing civilian clothes and remaining at the local inns up to 11 p.m.

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3. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 23 June, the following aircraft were parked from west to east, with the westernmost wing north of the railroad, at Parndorf airfield: 14 MiG-15s, 1 single-engine plane with radial engine, 1 biplane, 1 single-engine plane with radial engine, and 5 MiG-15s. All planes pointed with their noses to the north. No air activity was observed. There was a 5/10 overcast at an altitude of about 2,000 meters, a southwesterly wind of about 3 km/h, and good visibility.

4. The AA gun emplacements at the western edge of the field were guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and occupied by 4 x 37-mm AA guns. About 500 meters east of the railroad station there were a vacated AA gun emplacement and unoccupied bunkers. The fuel dump was guarded by soldiers with black-bordered blue epaulets. In addition to the large containers, there were small fuel containers, each about 3.50 meters long and 8 cm in diameter. 25X1

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5. No change was observed at the unguarded tent camp, about 700 meters east of the railroad station. Near the camp were 4 rollers, 6 tractors and 8 plows, as well as shovels, pick axes and spare handles. A van-like truck and two trucks were parked near the antenna mast with a cone-shaped bracing located about 250 meters east of the railroad siding to Kittsee (P 49/X 98). A van-like truck was also observed near the antenna mast with a cone-shaped bracing about 2 km east of this same junction.
6. Between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on 30 June, 18 MiG-15s and 2 single-engine planes with radial engines were observed at the field. There was a 4/10 overcast at an altitude of about 3,000 meters, a northeasterly wind of 3 km/h, and good visibility. No air activity was conducted.
7. The AA gun emplacements on the western edge of the field were still occupied by 4 AA guns of about 37-mm caliber and guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. The AA gun emplacements 500 meters east of the railroad station were not occupied.

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Two trucks and a tank truck were parked in front of the kitchen and messhall. A small crane, 2 small iron ladders and 6 gray boxes, each 1.5 x 1.5 x 2 meters, were observed near the aircraft repair shop north of the fuel dump.

8. Excavation was under way at the tent camp about 700 meters east of the railroad station. Twenty men were engaged in shoveling plowed-up earth on a heap. Near an excavated pit, 4 trucks and 3 tractors were parked.
9. No changes were observed in the radio installations on the northwestern edge of the field or on the two antenna masts east of the railroad siding to Kittsee.

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About noon, food was hauled to the tent camp on a truck. No activity was observed at the field except for the excavation work near the tent camp and individual soldiers who were near the antenna masts east of the railroad siding to Kittsee.

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Comment. Parndorf airfield is occupied by a Soviet fighter regiment which is assigned to the Northern Ftr Div at Aspern. The purpose of excavation work at the field has not been determined.

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